



U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center (SSC) Mission

The U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center (SSC) is a Department of Defense (DoD) installation responsible for the technology, development and engineering, fielding, and sustainment of our military's food, clothing, shelters, airdrop systems, and Soldier support items that protect and sustain America's military forces.

Comprised of several DoD partners working together to leverage their expertise and technology, the SSC is a Warrior-focused facility that meets the needs of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and U.S. Coast Guardmen. Additional, embedded with the Natick Soldier Center, one of the resident organizations is the National Protection Center that works with America's First Responder community helping them transition to private sector use the latest technologies developed by the military for the War on Terrorism.

Located just 17 miles west of Boston, the SSC has unique access to many world-renowned universities and research hospitals that supplement the resident capability to further meet our military's needs. Within 75 miles of the SSC, New England has 136 colleges and universities as well as 25 teaching and research hospitals. Also, the region is home to many technology-based private sector companies focused on biotechnology, information technology, nanotechnology, etc., providing additional opportunities for the SSC research and development teams to network and share technology. By embracing these partnering opportunities both within the SSC community and with nearby academic, industry, and governmental agencies, the SSC team has consistently delivered state-of-the-art products to our Warfighters for the past 50 years.

To effectively serve the customer, SSC is focused on providing life-cycle management for the products it develops, fields, and sustains. To accomplish this goal, SSC partners are comprised of Science and Technology Centers, an Integrated Logistics Support Center, and Program/Product/Project Managers teams. These groups work together across the life-cycle management spectrum ensuring the best products for our troops.

SSC's Science and Technology Centers include:

- **Natick Soldier Center;**
- **U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine;**
- **U.S Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility;**
- **U.S. Coast Guard Clothing Design and Technical Office.**

Logistics support is provided by:

- **Integrated Logistics Support Center.**

Program/Project/Product Managers include:

- **DoD Combat Feeding Directorate;**
- **Product Manager Clothing & Individual Equipment;**
- **Product Manager Force Sustainment Systems;**
- **Special Operations Team;**
- **U.S. Marine Team;**
- **U.S. Air Force Liaison Office.**

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